

## DECLARATION FOR USA PATENT APPLICATION

(including Design and National Stage PCT)

Attorney's Docket ID: \_\_\_\_\_

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below adjacent to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DEVICE FOR FASTENING OR ADJUSTING PARTS OF A GARMENT,

## SHOE OR OTHER ACCESSORY

(check one) \_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto, the specification of which

\_\_\_\_\_ is U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ which was filed on \_\_\_\_\_

and (if applicable) amended on \_\_\_\_\_

X is International Application No. PCT/FR99/03017 which was filed on 03/12/1999

and (if applicable) amended on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s) (        ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS IDENTIFIED ON ATTACHED SHEET):

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed	Priority Claimed Yes	Priority Claimed No
98 15307	FRANCE	03/12/1998	X	

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below; and insofar as the subject matter of each claim of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 120, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d).  
(        ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS IDENTIFIED ON ATTACHED SHEET.)

Application Serial No.	Day/Month/Year Filed	Status -- patented, pending, abandoned

I hereby appoint the following to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

Andrew E. Taylor-17000	Thomas P. Sarro-19396	Douglas E. Jackson-28518	Harold L. Novick-26011
Walter C. Gillis-22086	Ross F. Hunt, Jr.-24082	B. Aaron Schulman-31877	Kevin J. Dunleavy-32024
Marvin Petry-22752	William E. Jackson-24016	Linda R. Poteate-36255	Paul A. Roberts-40289

Direct all telephone calls to TEL (703) 920-7200.  
Address all correspondence to LARSON & TAYLOR, 727 23rd Street South, Arlington, VA 22202, Facsimile Tel: (703) 892-8428.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full Name of Sole or First Inventor	<u>SITBON Eric</u>	Citizenship	FRANCE
Full Post Office Address	14, cité Moynet - 75012 PARIS (France)	<u>FR</u>	

Residence - City, State/Country (if different from P.O. address)			
--	--	--	--

SIGN AND DATE HERE: Inventor's Signature:	<u>Eric</u>		
			Date: <u>01-06-2001</u>

Full Name of Second Joint Inventor, if any			
Full Post Office Address			

Residence - City, State/Country (if different from P.O. address)			
--	--	--	--

SIGN AND DATE HERE: Inventor's Signature:			
			Date: <u>      </u>

Full Name of Third Joint Inventor, if any			
Full Post Office Address			

Residence - City, State/Country (if different from P.O. address)			
--	--	--	--

SIGN AND DATE HERE: Inventor's Signature:			
			Date: <u>      </u>

Full Name of Fourth Joint Inventor, if any			
Full Post Office Address			

Residence - City, State/Country (if different from P.O. address)			
--	--	--	--

SIGN AND DATE HERE: Inventor's Signature:			
			Date: <u>      </u>